

Presbyterian Assembly declared itself in favor of total abstinence in the following terms: "Total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage is demanded from every Christian by the condition of society and the purity of the church and the Word of God." It is time that men in high official position, both in church and state, have their consciences aroused and banish the ever cursed wine cup from the table. Its influence is evil and evil only. The mission of the church is to save souls; the mission of the saloon is to destroy them.

CHICAGO MISSION.

The work in Chicago is progressing very nicely. This Mission was started under the auspices of the church, the arrangements for it having been completed at our last National Conference. The results so far have been very gratifying. To support this work about eighteen hundred dollars were pledged at the time of the Conference. Just what amount of this money has been paid we do not know, but it is evident that the work in Chicago is greatly hindered for lack of funds. Brother McFaden is doing excellent work and his labors are being blessed to the conversion of souls. The Mission should have the hearty support of the entire church. Read what Brother Rensch says on another page. He paid a visit to the Mission and speaks very encouragingly of the work. The church must not allow this work to suffer for want of funds. We have pledged our support to the cause in Chicago and we are in honor bound to give it.

Personal Mention.

Brother R. R. Teeter is engaged in holding a revival meeting at Brighton, Ind.

Brother D. H. Palmer is holding a meeting at Auburn, Ind. Three accessions so far.

Brother C. F. Yoder is conducting a revival meeting in his home congregation. Four accessions when last heard from.

Brother W. A. Welty left on Monday morning on a journey through Ohio and parts of Pennsylvania canvassing for the college.

Brother D. J. Meyers of Homerville gave the editor and family a pleasant call last Friday evening. Call again. Always welcome.

Brother J. D. McFaden writes that there have now been sixteen confessions since his work began in the city. Surely the Lord is blessing the work in Chicago.

Brother Wirich closed a very successful meeting near Warsaw, Ind., resulting in eighteen accessions. This is certainly very encouraging for one so young in years and young in the work.

We are in receipt of the copy for the *King's Children* from brother J. O. Talley. The paper will be issued and mailed next week.

Brother Zed Copp reports one more accession by baptism. At the quarterly meeting of the Hagerstown congregation Brother Copp was, by a unanimous vote chosen pastor for another year.

The sermon on Sabbath morning by Brother Byers in the College Chapel was much appreciated by all present. The subject was, "Is Thine Heart Right?" and was treated under the following heads. 1. The heart in its natural state. 2. The importance of having a right heart. 3. How to get a right heart. 4. The evidences of a right heart.

On a postal card Sister Grossnickle says: "Our meeting at Pioneer closed with six confessions. Just when prospects were brightest, fog, rain and mud closed the meeting for us. I am now at Bryan and begun a meeting. There are three other meetings in progress, all within a quarter of a mile of our church. We have fair congregations and we are hopeful."

We appreciate the following words from brother C. Forney: "The EVANGELIST is better than ever. Mechanically it is equal to the very best, and not a whit behind any other paper in any other way. The one dollar plan is just the thing. It will be better for publishers and patrons. Have been very busy but will do all I can to help reach the 3000, and if possible 5000 subscribers."

Notes and Comments.

Why He Was There. It is said of Jesus that he went about doing good. Often he sought the secluded spot but the people went after him and wherever they found him he was busily engaged in doing good. He was found in the home because the little child was sick, a member of the family was in trouble, or the mother was broken-hearted, borne down with a heavy grief. He was found on the street and on the highway because the people were possessed of devils and were in need of help. Of him it could be said that he was there because help was needed. So it should ever be said of the child of God. Wherever work is to be done for the Master there God's child should be found. The following incident related by the *Christian Nation* contains a good, practical sermon. We would rather have said of us what was said of this little child's father than be the possessor of Vanderbilt's fortune. Here it is:

"Is your father at home?" I asked a small child on our village doctor's doorstep.

"No," he said. "He's away."

"Where do you think I could find him?"

"Well," he said with a considering air, "you've got to look for him some place where people are sick or hurt, or something like that. I don't know where he is, but he's helping somewhere."

And I turned away with his little sermon in my heart. If you want to find the Lord Jesus, you've got to set out on a path of helping somewhere, of lifting somebody's burden, and lo! straightway one like unto the Son of Man will be found at your side.

Are you "helping somewhere?" If so, you will often find that—

"The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus."

Good Preaching. The *Advance* gives a brief summarized report of an address delivered by Dr. Little before the Congregational ministers of Chicago on "preaching," as follows:

In naming the requisites of good preaching Professor Little insisted on a positive declaration of righteousness. To denounce wrong and evil-doers has its place, but not the most important place. When Raphael saw an artist drawing an imperfect hand, he uttered no word of criticism, but drew another hand. So wickedness should be rebuked, not directly, but by proclaiming righteousness. It is easy to set a crowd to hurraing and to get the praise of the press by hitting hard, but denunciation weakens the power of the pulpit. Other requisites named were simplicity of statement and truth as to substance of preaching. The truth had not lost its power to interest. It should be preached, not feared or faintly stated. The preacher should have very definite views of things, especially of two matters, inspiration and the person of Jesus Christ. The subject of inspiration need not be made a pulpit theme, but the man in the pulpit ought to know exactly what he believes about it. And so of Christ and His life and teaching. His ambassador should know what he thought about Him, whether He was limited by human conditions, whether He was a social reformer, or what. The old painters put a halo around Christ's head; modern preachers should not put him in a haze.

It all Depends. Some people see nothing but sorrow and trouble in this world. To them to live means disappointment, sorrow, pain and failure. To others the world is full of brightness and sunshine, and to live means joy, gladness and happiness. It all depends on our own character and disposition. The following story beautifully illustrates the different ways in which people accept whatever the world may have in store for us.

A new-born babe lay in its cradle. Two great grandsires, wise and wrinkled with more than fourscore years, came and looked upon it.

Said one: "Beautiful babe, you have come into a pleasant world, under the same Father's care who prepared a mother's arms to receive you; all along your pathway you will find his tender mercies, his loving provision, his bountiful gifts only love him."

Said the other: "Beautiful babe, you have come into a world of sorrow, a world of disappointment, a world of pain from the cutting of the first teeth to the weary leaning on your cane and walking with feeble steps before you leave it."

The mother heard them both, and smiled. She knew by the sacred joy in her own heart, which was right.

Poor Food. There are ministers who feed their flock regularly on chaff instead of the pure wheat of the Gospel. It is not to be wondered that such hearers do not have the power of endurance. They are poor, sickly creatures without any fixedness of purpose, versatile enough to be carried away by every wind of doctrine. The least spiritual work fatigues them because they have not been fed on the pure meat of the Gospel. The *Religious Telescope* very truthfully says:

Pound cake is good enough as a dessert; but to a hungry, hard-working man it is a poor substitute for plain bread. So rhetorical flourishes and striking figures, if not used too frequently, may be thrown in to adorn a sermon; but to the convicted soul, inquiring the way of salvation, they are a poor substitute for the plain story of the cross.